GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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POWER LIFTING AND ARJUNA AWARD
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Power Lifting has become quite popular in the field of sports ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether any proposals/recommendations have been received by the Union Government for Arjuna Award in the field of Power Lifting;

(d) if so, the details thereof ; and

(e) the reaction of the Government thereto ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) STATISTICS & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION,YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS AND OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): Powerlifting is a recognized sports discipline. However it is not included in any of the major multi disciplinary Games like Olympics, Asian and Commonwealth Games.

(c) to (e): Arjuna Awards are given to outstanding Sports persons every year as per a published Scheme. Arjuna Awards for 2004 have been given away on 29th August 2005. As such no proposal is under consideration at present. The process of nomination for 2005 Award will start from first week of January 2006.